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I, TRACY E. GRIM, hereby declare as follows:

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2. I served in the U.S. Navy for four years, and I was a hospital corpsman for three and one-half years of this period. I attended an initial Navy course of training for hospital corpsmen, and subsequently attended a more advanced specialty navy school for orthopedic training, a three year course known in the U.S. Navy as the 8489 training program, which I completed in 1977. For three years, I was employed by the Campbell Clinic, located in Memphis, Tennessee, as an Orthopedic Physician's Surgical Assistant (O.P.A.), and during this period of time I was responsible for all of the fracture immobilization, and associated casting of injured limbs for about 24 Orthopedic surgeons. Later, for about four or five years I was employed by Carapace, Inc., and